



Housekeeping week for employees of the Horacio E. Oduber Hospital starts with a splash!

The International Executive Housekeepers Association (IEHA) designates the second week of September as “International Housekeeping Week” and it will be a busy time, with various celebrations by the housekeeping staff of Aruba’s many resorts. I.E.H.A. members are professionals in healthcare, hospitality, educational, state facilities, and a plethora of other large operations that provide their expertise to ensure a cleaner, safer, and healthier environment.

The housekeeping staff of the Horacio E. Oduber Hospital staged one of the first events of the weeklong celebration, and the organizers decided to do it with a splash, (literally) as they hosted a family day at the Arawa Waterpark in Moko. On Sunday afternoon, Organizers Violetta Maduro, Janette Tromp, and Hospital Housekeeping Association President Fabia Croes welcomed the more than forty-five members of the housekeeping and kitchen staff, with spouses and children swelling the ranks of celebrants to over 150.

The park offered a wonderful venue for all the workers and their families to relax during a beautiful Aruban day, allowing them to fully enjoy all the activities offered by the park. The last two weekends Aruba has experienced some very heavy weather, but the sun shone down perfectly on the housekeeping staff and their families as they splashed in the giant pool, danced to the music of Gee Formation, and enjoyed snacks prepared by the association members.

The day began with a group mass in the morning and then an afternoon of fun highlighted by a karaoke contest, providing a memorable beginning to this week of celebration for all the hard work by the housekeeping staff of the hospital, which is rarely considered or rewarded by the public. Educational lectures and various events will occupy their week, including a songfest at City 1 and ending with a gala evening at the Arawa Park on Friday evening. The entire week of events is dedicated to President Fabia Croes, who will retire from her job in January.

The staff THE NEWS offers congratulations and gratitude to all those that work in housekeeping, whose smiling faces and sincere concern often relieve the ordeal of a hospital stay. May you all thoroughly enjoy your week of celebration; you deserve it!